



Patient safety is the foremost goal for every health care practitioner. The patient is the most important member of the health care team. In fact, asking questions about treatment and practicing safe medication use are important steps every patient can take to ensure safe health care delivery.

To help patients learn more about how to contribute to a safer health care system, a free flyer "Five Steps to Safer Health Care" and a prescription drug guide with tips on safe medication use are available. The prescription drug guide also features a card you can use to keep track of your medicines. These are both available at our website at

<http://www.health.utah.gov/psi>.

In recognition of the ongoing commitment to advances in patient safety in Utah, Governor Leavitt has proclaimed this week Patient Safety Week in Utah as well. If you would like more information, please see the aforementioned web site.

And, don't miss our full-page advertisement in the Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News (print and online editions), Tuesday, March 11th.

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